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REMARKS

It is observed that the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 as being unpatentable over Charm in view of Lathi while considered claims 3-5 as being allowable.

Accordingly, the applicant has amended claim 1, has cancelled claims 2 and 8 and has amended the claim dependencies of claims 9 and 11.

The new claim 1 recites as follows:

"A box-like enclosure for spatially orientable speakers, comprising: a molded body; a plurality of engagement elements formed at a peripheral region of said body during molding thereof; and anchoring cables for engaging with a first end thereof said engagement elements in order to allow different spatial orientations of the enclosure, wherein said body is monolithic and produced by molding so as to form an internal cavity for accommodating acoustic means and wherein said engagement elements comprise six engagement elements integrally molded with said body"

Thus, the new claim 1 recites also the features that the body is monolithic and that it comprises six engagement elements integrally molded with the body.

The first of the above two features is the subject-matter of originally filed claim 8 while the second feature has been directly derived by the drawings, as far as the number of the engagement elements is concerned.

In fact, as can be seen from the drawing figures (i.e. all the embodiments of the invention), the box-like enclosure always presents six engagement elements, four of which are indicated by the reference numeral 10 and two of which are indicated by the reference numeral 18.

Support for the claimed feature is thus fully present in the drawings as filed.

The fact of providing six engagement elements, molded with the box-like container, patentably differentiates, according to the applicant, the present invention over the prior art of record.

In fact, neither Charm nor Lathi disclose a monolithic box-like enclosure and also do not disclose six engagement elements directly molded with the enclosure.

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On the contrary, Lathi discloses an enclosure that is made of two different elements that are successively connected together and also does not disclose the presence of six engagement elements arranged so as to stably hang the enclosure.

In the same way, Charm does not disclose six engagement elements directly molded with the enclosure.

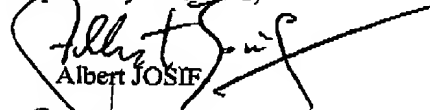
In view of the above, it is believed that the new claim 1 is both new and unobvious over the prior art of record.

The applicant has also drafted a new independent claim 13 which recites all the features of originally filed claims 1 and 8. Such claim is also believed to be new and unobvious over the prior art of record for the reasons mentioned above.

It will be noted that a sincere effort has been made to positively respond to all of the points raised by the Examiner.

While it is believed that the amended claims properly define the present invention, applicant would be open to any suggestion the Examiner may have concerning different claim phraseology which, in the Examiner's opinion, more accurately defines the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,


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